

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Success of Swachh Bharat Mission

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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inadequate funds, lack of capacity of municipalities and district panchayats, rapid awareness campaigns and unenthusiastic private sector response have reportedly derailed the "Swachh Bharat Mission" (SBM);
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the funds earmarked to construct the required number of toilets (both individual and community sanitary complexes) to make the country open defecation free by 2019;
- (d) the number of toilets built under the SBM and the amount incurred thereon during the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government is lagging behind in the target set for construction of toilets in rural areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken or being taken to achieve the targets set for construction of the toilets under the said mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) No Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the SBM-G plan, the total funds required to construct the required number of toilets (both individual and community sanitary complexes) for Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is Rs. 84414 Crore and for Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) is Rs. 20826 Crore.

(d) State/UT-wise Individual household latrines (IHLs) constructed and central expenditure reported on IHLs during 2015-16(Upto 30-11-2015) under Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) is at Annexure-1.

State/UT-wise Individual household toilets constructed and funds released (Upto 31-10-2015) under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) is at Annexure-2.

(e) No Madam.

(f) In respect of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), against expected outcome of 50 lakh for individual household latrines for the year 2014-15, 58,54,987 latrines were constructed, which is an achievement of 117% of the expected outcome. More importantly, of these, 49.49 lakh household latrines were constructed after the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), indicating more than 446% increase in construction of toilets after the launch of SBM(G) as compared to pre-SBM period of 2014-15. During 2015-16, 62.38 lakh toilets have already been constructed as on 30.11.2015. The various steps being taken by the government are as follows-

The focus on capacity building has been increased, since there is a need to improve skills, especially those pertaining to community processes and triggering for collective behaviour change. In order to expand these skills and train the key stakeholders, State level workshops involving all the key stakeholders such as Collectors, CEO, Zilla Panchayats, Chairmen Zilla Panchayats etc. are being held in different States. Regional workshops to cross-share learning amongst different States are also being held. The Government of India has also undertaken direct training of Collectors and more than 200 district Collectors from across India have been trained so far. The Centre-State coordination has been increased through increased visits to States, coordination meetings and reviews. There is also a renewed focus on IEC and a 360 degree media campaign is being envisaged to further boost it. The social media – twitter (@swachhbarat), Facebook (Swachh Bharat Mission) and WhatsApp/HIKE - are being extensively used for sharing innovative ideas and cross learning. A National Rapid Action and Learning Unit has been constituted to institutionalise learning from the field and provide quick feedback. The technology aspect is also being focussed and an expert committee under Dr R.A. Mashelkar has been constituted to examine new innovations; and quarterly exhibitions are organised to spread these technologies amongst the States and other stakeholders.